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A GREATER OREGON

In the West is vigor and life and growth. The University of Oregon, as a western institution, is but entering upon the era of its greatest development. This semester begins with 450 students already on the rolls, a substantial gain over the enrollment of last year. That such should be the case when an old established eastern institution like Harvard is slowly but surely losing in number of students, speaks volumes for the future of the state school of the West. If we are not the largest University in the land, neither are we the smallest. Smaller than we are the Universities of Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming, Delaware and Louisiana. We are not of average size either, for the average of attendance at American state universities is 1490 students. But hitherto ours have not been average opportunities. With the assurance of ample support henceforth, let us hope that Oregon will build broad and strong the foundations of a greater university.

With a greater university must come growth in all departments and all lines of student work. The Weekly aspires to keep abreast of this growth. Its office is to give the college news to the students, friends, and alumni of the University, to express and in some degree to mould college spirit and traditions, to be the exponent of all student enterprises, and to serve as the live wire of connection and communication with the rest of the college world.

Oregon can not long rest content with a weekly paper. The Washington Wave will appear daily this year. The University of Oregon should support at least a semi-weekly. Such a paper is worth more than twice as much as a

weekly. If the student-body will but speak in no uncertain tone in favor of such a move, the time is not far distant when Oregon can have a college paper appearing twice a week. News is already so abundant that the lines in this issue have been crowded together, allowing a column more matter than last year's paper, and yet much is crowded out.

Advertisers are liberal, because they have come to realize that college advertising pays.

The Weekly aspires to be more than a plaything, or a training department for embryo journalists. Its mission is a serious one. It is to be supported not alone from the motive of college pride, but on the ground of real value to the individual subscriber. This is the year of the beginning of new things for the University. What new thing would be of more practical benefit than a semi-weekly newspaper?

TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

There are two championships which Oregon must win this year. Both are hers by right of repeated conquest, yet both were lost last year in the unsettled and stormy referendum days. One is the debate supremacy; the other the Northwest football championship.

No college on the Pacific Coast can stand against true Oregon spirit speaking through eloquent debaters or charging down the field embodied in eleven heroes dedicated and consecrated to the glory of the Varsity. Yet for this service none but the best are worthy, and only the supremest effort will suffice. And such effort can come only as the result of keen competition. Does Oregon really wish to win from O. A. C. this year? Ask anyone who knew the bitterness of defeat last season. Yet effort and sacrifice are necessary. No man of over one hundred fifty pounds weight should be willing to sit in the rooters' stand. He should be on the sawdust of Kincaid Field, steeled to effort by the thought of November 21 and November 26. He may not "make" the Varsity team, but he can have the satisfaction of helping make it.

As to debate work, no student, man or woman, should be outside of a literary society. Especially those who have the gift of fluency and the power of analysis should repair weekly to the halls which have developed the brilliant forensic material of the past. Last year sixteen men tried for debate. The best six of that number could not win over the better trained teams of Washington and Idaho. Less than forty aspirants for debate this year will mean a lack of interest that should not be. And of the forty, twenty should be freshmen.

THE FRESHMAN'S FRIENDS

Many new faces are to be seen upon the campus these days. The freshmen are here, almost two hundred strong. It will be several weeks before they get fully acquainted and they still feel somewhat strange. Not all have yet

learned that they are among friends. Perhaps with reason in the light of first experience, they think that the hand of everyone is against them, and they wonder "Who are the freshman's friends, anyway?"

Why, bless you, everyone! Everyone from the President to the assistant janitors, was your friend before you came, and desires to remain so. The members of the faculty are glad to welcome you and to impart wisdom to you. The seniors are delighted to see you here. They know that your importance is greater than theirs, that you ought to be a better class than they, that you will know a greater University, will strive with mightier foes, and reap a greater destiny than they. The juniors are your true friends. They wish you to prove worthy of the mantle of responsibility which will rest upon your shoulders in two short years. The sophomores love you too, albeit somewhat demonstratively and boisterously. You may not know it now, but soon you will admit that the sophomore is the freshman's best friend. The manager of The Weekly, who wants your dollar; the debate and football coaches, who want your best effort in contest work; the caretaker who imprecates you for treading on the grass, all are your friends, your admirers, your well-wishers.

ALUMNI SUBSCRIBE.

The Weekly is pleased to add to its subscription list this week the entire membership of the Oregon Alumni Association. The price of the subscription is paid in the form of an increase of dues. Hereafter, as heretofore, the Weekly will give all important alumni news, as well as the news of the campus. As the official organ of the University, it will endeavor to represent adequately the interests of the institution which must extend wherever alumni are at work. Anyone knowing of a member of the Alumni Association who does not receive the Weekly will confer a favor by reporting the name and address of the neglected person to the manager.

PAYING THE PRICE.

Every college in the Northwest will suffer more or less severely this season by the strict interpretation and enforcement of the Whitman Conference rules. Many old-time stars will be shut out under the four year rule. Some good athletes have changed colleges and may not compete this year. Others will be disqualified from various causes. All this is for the best. The things we prize are the things which cost us something. Clean athletics will mean more to the Coast colleges if purchased at the cost of a few point-winners.

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